

USS Enterprise (CVN 65)

# THE SHUTTLE

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## *Locked & Loaded*

Information Systems  
Technician 1st Class (SW/  
AW) Robert Rydl inspects  
his weapon for a nighttime  
gunnery exercise on board  
the Arleigh-Burke class  
destroyer USS Bulkeley  
(DDG 84).

Photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Richard J. Stevens

# SAILORS OF THE DAY



## Aviation Machinist's Mate 3rd Class (AW) Kevin R. Chadderton

Aviation Machinist's Mate 3rd Class Kevin R. Chadderton is a native of Bridgetown, Barbados. Chadderton enjoys watching movies and spending time with his favorite people. He joined the Navy for the chance to travel and see the world. Chadderton wants to continue to share his knowledge with junior Sailors while at the same time working to become the best person he can.

## Hull Maintenance Technician 3rd Class Dale C. Abbott

Hull Maintenance Technician 3rd Class Dale C. Abbott is from Milwaukee, Wis. His desire to carry on his family name in the military and serve his country led him to enlist more than two years ago. Abbott enjoys hunting, fishing and trapping in his time away from the ship. He hopes to continue to advance, obtain his warfare pin and ultimately become a commissioned officer in the Navy.



# Enterprise Strike Group ship conducts VBSS training

**By MC3 Richard J. Stevens**  
**USS Enterprise Public Affairs**

USS BULKELEY, At Sea (NNS) -- The visit, board, search and seizure team (VBSS) aboard the guided missile destroyer USS Bulkeley (DDG 84) conducted a maritime interdiction operation (MIO) training exercise Oct 20. for its VBSS certification as the Composite Training Unit Exercise (COMPTUEX) continues with the USS Enterprise (CVN 65) Carrier Strike Group.

Bulkeley sent 14 Sailors in rigid-hull inflatable boats (RHIB) to board the 200-foot USS Hugo (NS-8201).

The Bulkeley's VBSS team trained as though they were boarding a cargo vessel in the Middle East or off the coast of Somalia.

In a variety of different VBSS events, the team engaged in several different simulated security situations throughout the certification exercise. These events included compliant boardings, non-complaint boardings and approach operations.

"Although this is training, you still have to go in with a combat mindset," said Justin D. Arnold, MIO observer attached to Commander, Strike Force Training Atlantic (CSFTL). "Compliant boardings are always challenging because you have to go over with the mindset of a police officer. You want to have a positive interaction with the crew, but you always have to be watching your back and looking for threats."

"When the situation becomes non-compliant, you have to go over with a mindset of authority and look to take over the vessel," Arnold said. "If you come over with a presence it will be smoother and safer for that team. You can take control of the crew quickly and be able to do it with out them resisting."

Throughout the VBSS exercise the team continued to be evaluated through a checklist that involved more than 200 queries. The exercise evaluators, a combination of retired and active-duty Navy and intelligence veterans, look

for safe approaches, tactical awareness, good tactical movement and the ability to approach compliant and non-compliant scenarios.

"This team is operating very well," said Chief Gunner's Mate (SW) A.J. Holzshu, a MIO observer attached to CSFTL. "I saw them a couple of times before and just like anything else, practice makes perfect. The team looks more fluid, and their tactics are more solid. They will definitely have no problem going over in theatre and performing the mission."

"This training is very similar to a real scenario. The only thing that is missing is foreign national speakers," Holzshu. "The papers, passports and documents are pretty similar to what this team will experience overseas."

These exercises are designed to provide realistic training environments for U.S. naval forces that closely replicate the operational challenges routinely encountered during military operations around the world. Training such as this ensures our military forces are prepared to support any missions they are called to serve.

Small boarding teams searching suspected vessels are some of the most dangerous missions these teams face.

"We basically came on board to check the verifications of the crew and check to see if they have anything on board that they're not supposed to

have," said Electrician's Mate 3rd Class William S. Johnson, engineering and electrical division. "We found two packages of drugs while conducting our search."

Through conducting these MIO exercises, Bulkeley gains valuable experience in its mission readiness while focusing on the importance of maritime security operations (MSO). When in theater, MSO help set the conditions for security and stability in the maritime environment and complement the counterterrorism and security efforts on the high seas and in nations' littoral waters.

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Enterprise Strike Group consists of USS Enterprise (CVN 65), the guided-missile cruiser USS Leyte Gulf (CG 55), the guided-missile destroyers USS Bulkeley (DDG 84), USS Barry (DDG 52) and USS Mason (DDG 87), USNS Arctic (T-AOE 8), Carrier Air Wing 1 and Destroyer Squadron 2.

Enterprise Strike Group is conducting COMPTUEX as part of its work-ups in preparation for an upcoming deployment. For more information about Enterprise, Carrier Strike Group 12 or Carrier Air Wing 1 visit [www.Enterprise.navy.mil](http://www.Enterprise.navy.mil), [www.ccs12.surfor.navy.mil](http://www.ccs12.surfor.navy.mil), and [www.cvw1.navy.mil](http://www.cvw1.navy.mil). You can also visit [www.news.navy.mil/local/cvn65](http://www.news.navy.mil/local/cvn65).

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## Seaman to Admiral...

This year's STA-21 selectees MM1 Robert R. Lathrop, MM1 John P. Pappas, MM1 Rochelle A. Pasco and AW2 Timothy J. Cullen stand with Capt. O.P. Honors, Capt. Randell Dykes and Capt. Kenneth R. Whitesell on the bridge of USS Enterprise.



Photo by Mass Communication Specialist Seaman Peter D. Melkus



# Attention Enterprise Sailors!!

The Navy College Program is extending the Enterprise NCPACE deployment registration. The final day to register for classes is Nov. 12th. This is a great opportunity to continue with your educational goals while the ship is on deployment. For a complete listing of courses being offered and to register, visit the ESO office at: 02-195-2-Q or J-dial 6807.



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### Cycle 2 2010 Physical Fitness Assessment Plan of Action

**Oct. 25 - 29** Body Composition  
Assessment (BCA)

**Nov. 1 - 12** Command PRT  
testing

**Nov. 8** BCA for swim

**Nov. 15 - 16** Make-up days for  
personnel TAD  
or on emergency  
leave

**Nov. 16** Command Fall  
2010 (CYCLE 2) PFA  
Completed

## News & Notes

### Mandatory Pre-Deployment Briefs:

#### Married Sailors/Family Brief

**Nov. 1 & 29**

**Vista Point**

**6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.**

#### Single Sailors Brief

**Nov. 8 & 10**

**C-9 Auditorium**

**4 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.**

*From the  
deck of the  
USS Enterprise ...*



Calling ALL **NAVY** football fans!

Come be a part of filming an  
Enterprise "spirit" clip to  
be shown during this year's  
Army/Navy football game.

# GO NAVY! BEAT ARMY!

Interested parties should meet on the flight deck in front of the "65" on Friday, Oct. 22nd at 1100.